

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A clip device for securing an item, the clip device securable to an object, the clip device comprising:

a main body having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front edge, and a back edge;

a supporting wall extending from the front edge in general direction away from the top surface;

clip means extending from the supporting wall over the top surface for securing the clip device to an object; and

item retaining means extending substantially along the back edge for releasably securing the item within the lip portion adjacent and against the bottom surface of the main body.

Claim 2 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the clip means are a first clip arm and a second clip arm, the first clip arm and the second clip arm extending from the supporting wall in a cantilever manner over the top surface with the first clip arm being spaced from the second clip arm.

Claim 3 (original): The clip device of claim 2 wherein each clip arm includes a protruding portion.

Claim 4 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the item retaining means includes a lip portion.

Claim 5 (original): The clip device of claim 4 wherein the lip portion includes a retaining protrusion extending from the lip portion.

Claim 6 (original): The clip device of claim 5 wherein the retaining protrusion includes a retaining tab.

Claim 7 (original): The clip device of claim 1 and further comprising:

a first groove and a second groove formed along the length of the top surface on each side of the supporting wall.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The clip device of claim 7 and further comprising:

a third groove and a fourth groove formed along the length of the bottom surface on each side of the supporting wall, the third groove substantially opposite the first groove and the fourth groove substantially ~~substantially~~ opposite the second groove.

Claim 9 (original): The clip device of claim 8 wherein the third groove and fourth groove extend through the object retaining means.

Claim 10 (original): The clip device of claim 1 wherein the back edge has a substantially curved configuration.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (original): An assembly for securing an item to an object, the assembly comprising:

a main body having a top surface and a bottom surface;
clip means for securing the clip device to an object; and
item retaining means for releasably securing the item to the main body.

Claim 13 (original): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the main body has a front edge and a back edge, and further comprising:

a supporting wall extending from the front edge in general direction away from the top surface.

Claim 14 (original): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the clip means include a first clip arm and a second clip arm, the first clip arm and the second clip arm extending from the supporting

wall in a cantilever manner over the top surface with the first clip arm being spaced from the second clip arm.

Claim 15 (original): The clip device of claim 14 wherein each clip arm includes a protruding portion.

Claim 16 (original): The assembly of claim 12 wherein the item retaining means is a lip portion, the lip portion extending substantially along the back edge for releasably securing the item within the lip portion adjacent and against the bottom surface of the main body

Claim 17 (original): The assembly of claim 16 wherein the lip portion includes a retaining protrusion extending from the lip portion.

Claim 18 (original): The assembly of claim 17 wherein the retraining protrusion includes a retaining tab.

Claim 19 (original): The assembly of claim 12 and further comprising:

- a first groove formed along the length of the top surface;

- a second groove formed along the length of the top surface, the first groove spaced from the first groove;

- a third groove formed along the length of the bottom surface, and

- a fourth groove formed along the length of the bottom surface, the third groove spaced from the fourth groove.

Claim 20 (original): The assembly of claim 13 the back edge has a substantially curved configuration.